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The Honorable Elmer B. Staats  
Comptroller General of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

I am familiar with the contents of the letter dated \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the Director of Central Intelligence proposing for  
your approval, under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 374 (1964), a  
financial records retirement program.

I am also familiar with the fact that the General Accounting  
Office no longer conducts an audit of the Central Intelligence Agency  
but rather that Agency performs its own under procedures established  
by the Director.

It is my understanding that the proposed program for the  
systematic retirement of financial records will be administered  
generally in accordance with the procedures applicable to Govern-  
ment agencies, particularly as to identification of categories of  
documents and the application thereto of appropriate records re-  
tention periods. In the circumstances, I believe it appropriate for  
you to exercise the authority conferred upon you by the above-  
mentioned statute.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Senator Russell